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FOR AMBASSADOR KEATING (NEW DELHI)

FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER

The President has asked, on a most urgent basis, for your personal assessment of the Firubin discussions with the Indian Government reported widely in the press here. Please provide assessment through this channel as soon as possible. In developing your views, you may wish to informally contact appropriate Indian officials who may have been involved in discussions. However, this should be done in low key manner.

The President also wishes to know whether or not you have been asked for such an assessment through any other channel by any other source and if so would appreciate also through this channel the text of the information you provided. This message should be delivered for your eyes only [redacted] and should be answered via same channel.

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Best regards.

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INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

State Dept. review completed

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